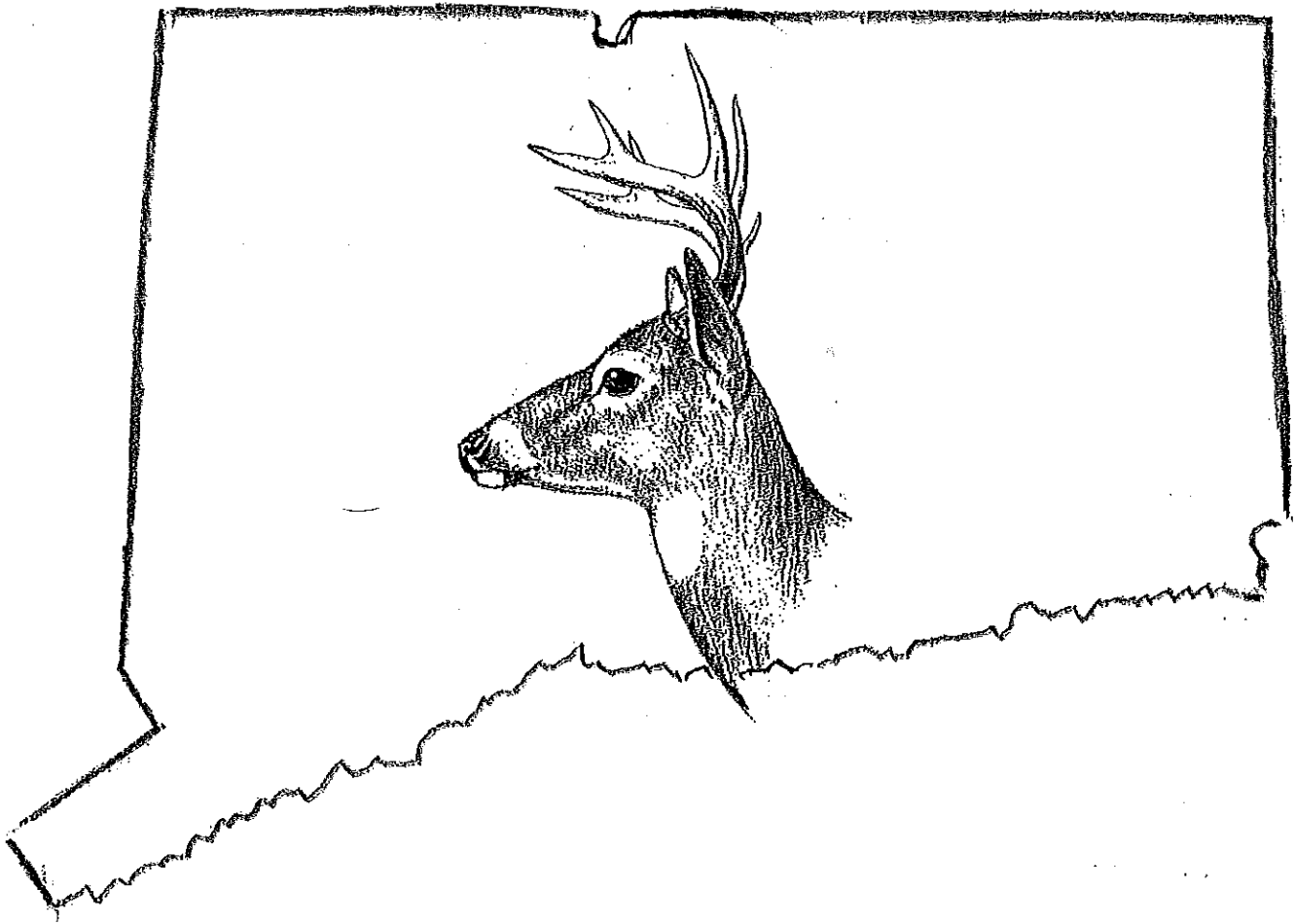


Deer Hunting with a Handgun
in
Connecticut



Getting ones point across is hard to do when others don't see things the same way as you or they don't understand it. But where would we all be if no one listens to reason.

As a sportsman I enjoy being in the outdoors. For many years I've asked the question; why can't I hunt deer with a handgun in Connecticut? In all those years of asking never have I gotten an answer from anyone. We already have set in place hand gun hunting for small game with restrictions, why can't we have it for deer as well? On the same note the Ct. Hunter Safety Course has a section in there booklet where they talk about handgun hunting. Hand gun hunting has a strong foot hold through out the United States to be called a serious sport. In according to surveys done by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, hand guns have become a fast growing sport. There are 47 state allow deer to be taken with a hand gun. Delaware is a state with 2157 square miles and it allows deer to be taken with a handgun both on privately own land and state land. The state of Maryland where rifles are allowed so are pistols.

If I wanted to hunt deer or large game with a handgun, I have to travel outside the state. So this is what I've done for many years. For the Connecticut residents who own a handgun, their firearm is registered and they themselves are registered, in the way of being finger printed and photographed with an ID so they can carry. There are over 200,000 hand gun permit holders in Connecticut; that paid for that through state fees. Hunters pay to enjoy their sport as well; by paying for hunting Licenses and tags.

My proposal is for only Connecticut residents the use of a handgun to hunt deer, and only on privately own land during the private land shot gun/ rifle season. This would be a very good opportunity to the sportsman and women of Connecticut as well as the state itself to benefit form this. The sportsman will have the chance to hunt deer in another challenging way, and the state will be able take in some new revenue from those sportsmen who wish to pursue their deer hunting passion by other means. As is stands now many hunters on private land have maintained a very good relationship with the land owner, a lot of trust and responsibly are given to the hunter while on the property.

Please remember that the handgun is a short range hunting tool, like archery were the hunter must be close to the game that they pursue; but not as close as one may think. Both weapons used for hunting demand marksman ship and hunting skills for success. With a handgun, this type of firearm has the knock down power to take game cleanly and humanely with a well placed shot. The bullet from the handgun will not travel as far due to the fact of its short barrel, with the shorter barrel one loses velocity but still it maintains its energy at short ranges. A hunter knows their limits when hunting, weather it's with a bow, shotgun, rifle or muzzle loader the same could be said for the handgun.

Thank you for your time and understanding
Sincerely

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